W.C. Burleigh Papers

Lovelace

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Lovelace

Claim of James Lovelace, late of Albany 1

Halifax, 3rd July, 1786

~~Sworn~~ Claimt. Sworn

His father died in Saratoga in 1781. He was executed as a spy by the Americans. Claimt. was 19 yrs of age at that time & resided in Canada. In 1783 he lived at Fort St. Johns, Canada & says he could not send a claim at that time.

His late father, Thos. Lovelace was a native of America & when the war broke out he lived at Saratoga.

Says he never took any part with the Americans & joined the British Army on Lake Champlain in 1776. He remained with the Army until 1781, when he was sent with a party into the States. He fell into the hands of the Rebels & was executed.

He left a wife and seven children. His widow named Lomas is now married to And. Norton & resides in the Bay of Chaleur.

Claimt. is the eldest son
Ebenezer at Detroit.
Lucy married at Chadobacto.
Thomas at Niagara
Elizab. at Bay Chaleur
William at Chaleur.
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His Father left no will.

He now claims for the whole family.

Property. 100 acres of land near Saratoga.

Produces conveyance dated 3rd Feby., 1775 from Cornelius Tabout to Thos. Lovelace in considn. of £40, 12 sh. 6 d. N. York Currency one Hundred & one Acres of land.

This was wild land when he bought it. He cleared 30 acres & built a Log House & Barn. He thinks it was worth £150 N. York Curry. in 1775. as he was offered that sum for it.

One hundred acres of Wild Land in Jessup's Patent purchased in 1775. He cannot say what he gave for it. He cannot value it. Says he knows nothing of the present state of the Property.

Pr. Oxen	£14. 0. 0
4 Milch Cows	17. 10. 0
5 Hogs	5. 0. 0
Furniture	36 0 0
Wheat	20 0 0
Corn	15 0 0
	107 10 0

All this was plundered by a party of rebels when his father was with the British.

See Evidence Jonathan Jones 2nd May. 1786

Evidence De bene esse in the new Claim of James Lovelace

Witness Jonathan Jones Sworn.

The late Thos. Lovelace lived within a few miles of the Witness in Albany County. He went to Canada with him, and was a steady, loyal subject. He was

sent to Albany on private intelligence, and seized by the Rebels, and executed in the year 1782

The claimant is about 20 years of age. He was always loyal, although too young to take any part.

One hundred acres of land in Palmer Town, with a house and improvements, about 20 or 30 acres were cleared. Capt. Jones knew it well.

He thinks the land, house and improvements were worth £250 cur'y

He had some stock on his farm, which witness thinks he left behind.

The Hanging of Thomas Loveless, U.E.

H. C. BURLEIGH, M.D.
BATH, ONT.

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Henriet Robbin sister of Owen Robbin
Grandfather

Absalom.
=1° childless

3 bros. John youngest ch. b. 1805
1805-1887
=2° Jonathan Greely = Amanda Beals.

5 ch.

Absalom = Ruth Baker
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Absalom

Ketcheson.
Newton

Ethel Loveless, married Alfred ~~Ketcheson~~, & settled in Thurlow. He a son of John Newton & Amy Ann Ketcheson, a daughter of Philip Ketcheson, born 1803, and Mary Wiat.

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Moon.

Ella Lovelace, married Charles Moon, and settled in Sidney. He a son of John Moon, born about 1824, and Clarissa Abraham, and grandson of Peter Moon.

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Parliament.

Martha D. Loveless, married John Parliament and settled in Ameliasburgh. He a son of Jacob Parliament and Margaret Fox, of Ameliasburgh, and grandson of George Parliament, U.E. Jacob born about 1773.

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Van Dusen.

Phoebe, daughter of Jonathan Greeley, a relative of Horace Greeley, the distinguished journalist, married in 1830, Roswell Van Dusen, born 1808, & settled at Demorestville.

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Allison.

Eliza M. Greeley, married Benjamin I. Allison, & settled in Tyendinaga. He a son of John Allison and Annie Sprung, and grandson of Benjamin Allison. Children:

1. Absolom G. Allison.
2. John S. Allison.
3. Harriet A. Allison.
4. Jonathan G. Allison.
5. William H. Allison.
6. Benjamin R. Allison.
7. Phoebe E. Allison.
8. Sarah C. Alluson.
9. Eva M. Allison.
10. Mary F. Allison.
11. Martha N. Allison.
12. Joseph C. Allison.

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Osborne.

Sarah Greeley, first cousin of Horace Greeley, the eminent journalist, married John T. Osborne. Her father, Jonathan Greeley, was one of the three Greeley brothers, who settled respectively in Vermont, Ohio, and Upper Canada; and it was Jonathan, who, as a civil engineer, did most of the early Government surveying in Prince Edward County. Children:
Edward, Jonathan G., Richard J., Lydia, Walter, Walton, Chas. M., Horace Greeley

P. L. B. Q.

Loveless
Greeley

Roblin.
born 25 Jan. 1826; d. in 1892

Absalom Greely, married Millicent A. Roblin, and settled finally in Kansas.
Rebecca Greeley, was first wife of Edwin Roblin, brother of Millicent, above. Edwin b. 7 May 1837
Edwin married, second, Harriet Brown and settled finally in Belleville.
Millicent and Edwin were children of Jacob Roblin, born 1796, and Sarah Van Dusen, and grandchildren of Owen Roblin. + Margaret Ruttan
Owen Roblin, son of Philip, was born in Sophiasburgh, and was taught by Jonathan Greeley.

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Shortt.

Nicholas Greely, married Angeline Shortt, and settled in Sophiasburgh. She was a daughter of Jacob Shortt and Rebecca Doxsee, of Sophiasburgh, and granddaughter of Adam Shortt.

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Everybody's Cyclopedia.

Greeley, Horace, an American journalist; born in Amherst, N. H., Feb. 3, 1811. About 1825, his parents having removed to Vermont, Horace obtained employment as an apprentice in a printing office.

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Sons & Daughters of U. E.

Althouse, Nicholas, of Ernesttown.

dau. Mary, married Marshall Loveless, of Ernesttown O.C. 14 May, 1823.

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Reddick, Philip, of Ameliasburgh.

dau. Margaret, married, first, Isaac B. Glover, of Ameliasburgh
second, ------- Loveless. O.C. 4 Feb., 1824.

Encyclopedia Britannica

Horace Greeley b. Amherst, N.H., Feb. 3, 1811, son of Zaccheus Greeley and his mother, Mary Woodburn, was of Scotch-Irish descent.

Conger Marriage Register.

Loveless
Greeley.

Jonathan Greely and Harriet Wessels, of Sophiasburgh, married 23 July, 1810.
The parents of the late Absolom Greely, M. P. P. for Prince Edward.

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McDowall Marriage Register.

Absolom Loveless & Harriet Roblin, both of Sophiasburgh, married about 1805.

David Freeman & Nancy Loveless, both of Ernesttown, married 23 April, 1822.

James Greely & Martha Walker, both of Hallowell, married 29 Oct., 1832.

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Land Books, 1931

13 Nov., 1797.

Jeremiah Loveless. Praying for lands as a settler. Recommended for 200 acres.

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26 Feb., 1798.

Ebenezer Lovelave. Praying for lands as the son of a lieutenant and for a wife and two children. Recommended for 400 acres as the son of a lieutenant subject to the new regulations, and if it appears he has not received any before. (at this time 32 or 33 yrs. of age)

(This would appear to be Ebenezer, son of Thomas Lovelace, the Loyalist spy, executed late in the Revolutionary War at Schuylerville. This Ebenezer was 15 years of age in 1778; ie. born in 1763.)

War Office Papers.

Book 1.

List of the followers of the Army Belonging to Col. Peters' Corps, Machiche (Que.)
13 Sept., 1778.

Jessups, undated but 1777
Thomas Loveless wife + children
Lucy Loveless
James
Ebenezer
Lucy Jr
Thos Jr
Calib
Archie
William } under 10

Loveless,	Lois.		
"	Ebenezer	aged ~~17~~ 15	
"	James	17	
"	Lucy	14	
"	Thomas	12	
"	Eliab	10	Calib
"	William	6	
"	Archibald	3	
"	Thomas	1	

Return of Royalist Families at Machiche.

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Women & Children of the King's Loyal Americans (Jessup) drawing Provisions.
Those under 10 at ½ rations

Thomas Loveless' Wife & Children.

Same as above, except wife called Lucy.

Signed by Ebenr. Jessup, and dated 22 June, 1778.

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Names: of What Country, Age, Size and time of Service of a Company of Loyal Rangers
Commanded by Major Edward Jessup, Verchere, 1 Jan., 1782.

Volunteer Thomas Loveless, b. in America, aged 15, 5' 7", 1 year 5 months service

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List of Such Men of Maj. Edward Jessup's Coy. as are fit for Steady Service,
Riviere Duchene, 24 Feb., 1783.

Eli Loveless.

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Return of Officers of Different Companys & Pensioners, August, 1780.

~~L~~ 7 Thomas Loveless at St. John's Lately come in from Secret Service.

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A List of Officers, Sergts., Corporals, Drummers & Privates, King's Loyal Americans.
Ebenezer Jessup. 24 Oct., 1780

Thomas Loveless, Jr., St. John's.

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Monthly Return lf Loyalist Names & Dates of Arrival from the Colonies, for May, 1781

Lovelace brought 5.

Haldimand Papers.

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List of Loyalists and Families Lodged at Machiche, 2 Dec., 1778.

Thomas Lovelace 1 woman 7 children.

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List of Refugee Loyalists exclusive of those Quartered at the Upper Posts (Nov. 1783?)

Loyal Rangers Pensioners

Elie Loveless, single, Labourer.

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Return of Loyalists & Disbanded Soldiers Victualled & Lodged at St. John's, 15 Sep., 1784.

Refugee James Loveless, single, intends going on the King's Lands this fall.

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Return of King's Loyal Americans as Served under Lt.-Col. Ebenezer Jessup in the Campaign of 1777.

Major Jessup's Company.
Thomas Loveless from 25 June to 24 Oct., 1777.

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History of Queensbury, New York State.

State Library, Albany, N. Y.

974.749 Q3

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At the outbreak of the revolution, there was probably no where in this vicinity a stronger Tory nest than that existing across the west mountain, some ten miles distant from Queensbury settlement, under the favor and encouragement of the brothers, Ebenezer and Edward Jessup, sharp, enterprising and apparently unscrupulous business men, who had, from time to time, secured the grant of various patents of land not only within the limits of the present town of Luzerne, but also the extensive tracts known as Hyde township . . . .

Scattered through this region lived a number of tories, among whom may be enmerated the following, John Howell, who dwelt up the Sacandaga river, in the direction of Johnstown. Six brothers of the name of Lovelace, descendants of Governor Lovelace, who resided at different points on the opposite side of the river, and one of whom, who lived near the Stiles place in the town of Wilton (?) was in ~~the~~ one of the last years of the war, executed at Schuylerville, as a spy, by order of General Stark, after due trial by drum head court martial.

Hungerford 1860

Loveless, Crandle, yeoman 10 conc pt lot 13

Shannonville

Loveless John W. carpenter s.e. cor Dundas St

Northumberland & Durham

Murray Twp

Loveless Joseph W. & Joseph & R & con 7 lot 1
James W farmer h. Conc. 6 lot 17
J. carpenter h " 6 " 3
John, lab. f " 6 " 3

HOURS: 2 P.M. TO 4 P.M.
7 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

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Bath, Ont. _____ *19* ____

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To Dr. H. C. Burleigh

For Professional Services $ _____

Received Payment

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ACCOUNTS ISSUED MONTHLY

The Story of Old Saratoga.

by

John Henry Brandow M.A.

Dunham's Daring Capture of Loveless, the Spy.

It was during this or the previous season that the following incident occurred. Thomas Lovelass, a bold, resolute, and powerful man, was a noted leader among the Tories. He had succeeded in the capture of a number of his neighbors and in the destruction of much property among the patriots, and was considered a most dangerous partisan.

A goodly number of the people hereabouts were attending some entertainment or social function - while there, a boy was seen to emerge from the woods on horseback, and then riding up to the house asked if he could buy some rum there. On being answered No, he went on down the river road. Among those present who observed him were Colonel Van Veghten and Captain Hezekiah Dunham. Dunham was a captain of militia, and a man of large influence among his neighbors. There was something in the behaviour of the boy which aroused their suspicions, and he decided to watch the outcome. In a little while the boy ~~returned~~ was seen to ride back up the road at full speed, re-enter the woods and vanish. Dunham turned to Colonel Van Veghten and said: "The enemy is near us, the Tories are in the neighborhood, and not far off." They separated with a determination to act immediately. Dunham when he reached home, went to see a person by the name of Green, who was a kindred spirit and a great leader among his neighbors. On relating the circumstance to him, they went and got three other men, and with these started out on the search. Every suspected place was carefully examined. They continued the search until near daylight without avail when they separated; Green and one man going in one direction, and Dunham, with two, taking another course. The latter, as a last resort, returned to the house of an Odenman, who he believed would be in communication with an enemy, if near him. Near the house they discovered a path leading through a meadow toward a thicket about three acres in size. Let one they suspected that this led to the object of their

search. Following it they passed nearly around the thicket, when it entered the bush. Toward the centre a big log blocked the way; on peeping over it cautiously there, sure enough, was the remains of a camp-fire and a group of five fierce-looking men. They were in the act of putting on their shoes and stockings. And one thing more which Dunham particularly observed was a musket by the side of every man, ready for instant service. He drew back, reported to his companions and in a whisper asked, "Shall we take 'em?" A nod of assent was the answer; then moving forward to the log, they all mounted at the same instant, and Dunham shouted, "Surrender, or you are all dead men!" All of them but their leader seemed petrified by the suddenness of the apparition. He was not disposed to yield without an effort at defense. Twice he was reaching for his gun when he found Dunham's rifle ominously near his head, at which he prudently desisted. They were then ordered out, one by one, when they were securely bound. Immediately they were marched off to the barracks at Saratoga

They were tried and condemned at a court martial, of which the celebrated General Stark was the president: Lovelass alone was adjudged worthy of death, as he was considered too dangerous a man to be allowed to escape. In defense, he protested that he had been taken with arms in his hand, and ought therefore to be considered a prisoner of war. But the court was inexorable. (Abridged from the Sexagenary's account)

He was hung on the top of the gravel hill, just south of the Stonicon mill, which then extended beyond the present highway to the east. The traditional spot is just east of the angle made by the picket and board fences and across the road from the brick house. John Strowen was present and marked the spot. He told his son, George, about it; and when the bank was excavated for the Whitehall

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Where Loveless, the Spy, was Executed.

Retracing your steps to the road near the bridge, and looking south you see at a little distance a brick-house. Back of this house is a gravel hill which originally extended to the east across the road. On the eastern brink of that hill, as it then was, the noted spy Loveless was hung, on the limb of an oak tree. He was buried beneath it in a sitting posture. John Strover saw him hung and buried, and told his son George all about it. When the Waterford and Whitehall turnpike was built this gravel hill was partly dug away. George Strover was present and waited until Loveless' remains were unearthed, when he appropriated the skull. This gruesome relic is still kept in the Schuyler mansion

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turnpike he was on hand and identified the skeleton. The skull of the Tory is preserved by Mrs. J. H. Soober in the Schuyler Mansion.

Note

The site of the hanging is near the highway just south of the present Schuyler mansion & close to a small brick house.

Map of 1860

Frontenac County

Portland Township

G. Loveless East half lot (N. of Mud Lake) & of lot 1, Conc. 12 & 13
J. Loveless West " " " " " "

Directory of 1865

Frontenac County

Portland Township

George Loveless, Conc. 14, lot 1 h
Marshall " " 9 " 15 h.

Atlas of 1878

Portland Township

Jacob Loveless N. half lot 10 conc. 14.

Directory of 1904

Portland Township

Loveless, Jacob Godfrey f conc. 14 lot 10

Lot 10. Conc. 14.
Jeremiah, b. about 1870

Hannah, b. about 1870, married Albert Wells. S.P.

List of Loyalists from Province of N Y. at Point Claire
30 Jan 1777
Thomas Loveless